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FREE TAKE ONE

Group given funding to help combat loneliness in elderly

By Eva Astreinidou

MORE support is desperately needed to cope with an increasing demand from older people in Basingstoke who are alone and vulnerable.

The escalating problem comes as people are taking notice of the 'growing epidemic' across the country, with Government creating a new minister to deal with the issue of loneliness.

Basingstoke NeighbourCare, a charity that works to eliminate loneliness and social isolation in older people, says the number of people needing its services locally are increasing - it has just been given £61,000 over three years by the borough council to help carry out its work.

It says around 40 more volunteers are needed to help meet the demand.

At the moment the charity has 89 clients - but there are 45 others on a waiting list, many of whom are house-bound.

The charity is calling for more people to get involved to help support its services, which include a befriending service and accompanied driving services.

Trustee Hazel Tilbury said that in 2017 the charity experienced an increase of 103 per cent increase in referrals for its befriending service compared to those in 2015/16. Under the scheme volunteers visit clients once or twice a week to have a chat and offer emotional support.

She said the accompanied driving service has also been facing high

demand - it has a total of 467 clients, 157 of whom were new clients in the last year.

She said: "[The services] are so important for the community. For some of our clients they are very reliant on the service.

"[And] with the increase in demand, we desperately need new volunteers."

The charity makes contact with potential clients, who are over the age of 70, after receiving referrals submitted by GPs, family or friends of those concerned.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council cabinet member for communities Cllr Simon Bound said he was aware of the work the befriending project does.

He said: "I'm well aware of the positive impact that initiatives like this can have on the day-to-day lives of people in our borough.

"That's why we are pleased to give the project grant support for the vital work they do to combat loneliness for older people and help to put them in touch with services and activities to meet new friends."

According to Government, loneliness affects around nine million people across the UK, with estimates showing that around 200,000 older people have not had a conversation with a friend or relative in more than a month.

Loneliness has been linked with higher blood pressure, worse sleep, increased immune stress responses, and can even lead to the development of dementia.



Festival Place set to magic up wizard fun!

A group celebrating wizard protégé Harry Potter are set to fly in to Basingstoke over the weekend. Festival Place will host the Basingstoke

Cosplay Collective on Saturday, inviting young children and families in the town to come and see the magic between 10am and 2pm.

The Harry Potter fun will feature a treasure hunt, food, games and a fancy dress competition to celebrate the popular books.

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Beers and cheers for Emma

By Eva Astreinidou

RUGBY players who did not let one sip of alcohol touch their lips for a whole month have raised more than £2,000 in honour of a close friend.

Fifteen members of Chineham RFC took on the dry January challenge to raise funds for Cancer Research UK, after a member of the club was diagnosed with the disease for a second time.

Emma Tinker, a club member for more than 10 years, has now undergone her ninth and what is hoped to be her final chemotherapy session.

After the successful appeal, she treated the team to a cold beer to say thank you.

Emma posted on Facebook: "We have truly felt, and continue to feel, enveloped in all the love and support we have received from all you lovely friends and family."

Her husband John Tinker said: "We've been overwhelmed by the support we've had from everyone at Chineham RFC but the £2,500 raised



Chineham Rugby Club nearing the end of dry January - they raised more than £2,000 for cancer research in their friend Emma Tinker's name

when including Gift Aid has been incredible. In times of need you find out who your true friends are and we are blessed to have so many."

He added: "Cancer is a horrible disease that impacts on the lives of so many people; the sooner research can be done and cures developed then the fight will finally end."

Brainy bunch

OVERTON'S Finest proved to be real brainboxes at this year's Mayor's charity quiz in Basingstoke.

Mayor Paul Frankum hosted the event at Basingstoke College of Technology, which helped raise more than £800 for charity.

Contenders on the night included the Quirky Rascals, who won for best team name, and Forever Young, who won the Wooden Spoon Award.



Overton's Finest were the winners with the Quirky Rascals being judged to have the best name – the night raised more than £800 for charity

Dave Floyd, chairman of the club, said: "Our rugby club is proud of its 'one big family' ethos and as one of our members is battling cancer, this is our way of showing our support and help through this difficult time."

To donate, visit <https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/chineham-rfc>.



£7,000 fines issued in bid to keep streets clean

EIGHTEEN people have been fined more than £7,000 for dropping litter.

Basingstoke Magistrates' Court found 18 people guilty resulting in fines of £155 for costs, £220 court fees and a £30 victims surcharge for each person, totalling £7,290.

This comes after a litter enforcement programme 'Stop it don't drop it' which has been in force since June.

As part of the scheme, environmental enforcement officers have been issuing fines of £75 for anyone caught littering, including cigarette butts and chewing gum and £50 for anyone failing to clean up after their dog.

Cllr James Radley, cabinet member for services at Hart District Council, said: "In the first seven months of the programme [our] offic-

ers issued over 500 fines. We need to remain vigilant to make sure our streets stay clean."

The scheme is running on a trial basis until June this year, at which point the results will be analysed and the success of the trial reviewed.

The council will then decide whether to continue with the enforcement action.

InBrief

Rail strike possibility

PASSENGERS are being warned of the potential of another rail strike as part of a long-running dispute over the role of guards on trains.

Train guards on South Western Railway services, which pass through Basingstoke, have been advised to refuse to work any rest days from February 16 to 19.

This comes after a three-day strike in January as part of the dispute and the rolling out of driver-only operation on SWR services.

RMT general secretary Mick Cash said: "It is frankly disgraceful that SWR point-blank refuse to engage with the union in meaningful talks over their plans to run trains without a safety-critical guard on board across this franchise."

"We know that this action will have a serious impact on services. It is time for the company [SWR] to get out of the bunker and start talking."

A spokesperson for SWR said: "We will do everything we can to minimise the inconvenience to our passengers from this unnecessary action."

McDonald's flasher

A MAN has been arrested after exposing himself in public.

Police were called to the McDonald's in Market Place, Top of The Town at 12.30pm on Monday to reports that a man had exposed himself to customers.

A 33-year-old man has been arrested on suspicion of indecent exposure and is currently in custody.

M3 partial closure

A SECTION of the M3 will be closed fully overnight until March.

The slip roads at junction 6 will remain closed on week nights due to repair work on both structures supporting the M3 north and southbound carriageways at the Basingstoke interchange.

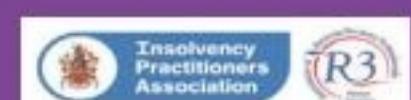
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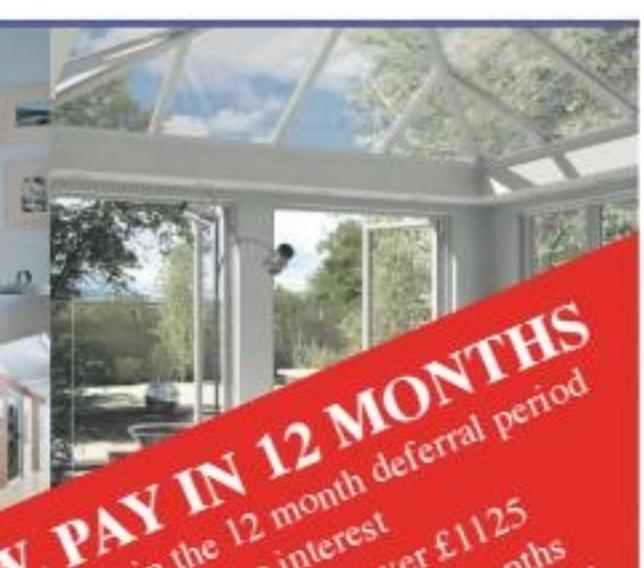
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Special arrested armed men then back to day job as nurse

A PART-TIME police volunteer from Basingstoke has won a special award for his bravery and 'unwavering loyalty'.

Special Constable Bruce Armstrong was hailed as one of the most impressive officers working to protect people at this year's Chief Constable Awards in Hampshire.

He received congratulations from Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney following an incident in May where he carried out searches after reports of two robberies.

He was told one of the suspects was armed with a knife but remained undeterred in his search and made

two arrests. Those people were later charged and Mr Armstrong remained on duty for several hours to ensure all the paperwork was complete, leaving him just two hours before he started his day job.

A spokesperson for Hampshire Constabulary said: "Not only has his work seen him take two armed robbers off our streets, his unwavering loyalty, enthusiasm and professionalism has proven a real asset to the force."

"And we must remember, he does all this in his spare time, fitting it around his day job as a nurse consultant."



Chief Constable Olivia Pinkney congratulates Special Constable Bruce Armstrong

Grade II listed house to become much-needed affordable homes

By Eva Astreinidou

A DILAPIDATED Grade II listed building will be converted into affordable housing to provide 10 flats.

Chineham House had fallen into disrepair since being vacated in 2011 but the borough council's decision to approve the £1.06million project will bring the building back into use.

Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council approved the move on Tuesday and a 20-year lease will be granted to

housing provider Plexus.

Funding of up to £595,000 towards the project was also approved for the three-storey building in Shakespeare Road, subject to full council approval later this month.

Cllr Terri Reid, cabinet member for housing and regeneration, said before the meeting: "I am particularly looking forward to seeing the development of much needed affordable housing for residents in housing need."

The borough council cabinet had pre-

viously given the go-ahead in 2014 for £102,000 towards structural repairs but these could not be carried out when it became apparent that more extensive work was needed.

The new refurbishment plans include rebuilding a basement wall, remedying damp, replacing boilers, upgrading the electric supply and roof repairs.

Cabinet member for property and development Councillor John Izett said: "It is great to be announcing good news about Chineham House.

"Its dilapidated state has presented many challenges which, with our partners Plexus, have now been fully assessed.

"This enables us to go forward with the development of 10 much-needed affordable homes in the Popley area.

"I look forward to seeing the new homes and community room being completed as soon as possible."

The decision will now be ratified at the full council meeting on February 22.

InBrief

Sexual assault

A WOMAN was sexually assaulted in Basingstoke after being approached by a man jogging.

The woman in her 20s was walking along a cycle alley between Bennetts Close and Norn Hill when she was approached by the man.

The man pushed the woman against a fence before performing an indecent act in front of her. The victim pushed him away and ran off.

The offender has been described as white, clean shaven, and around 5ft 6ins tall. He is thought to have been wearing a hoodie and jogging bottoms at the time of the incident on January 24 between 8.40pm and 8.45pm.

Police staff investigator Nikki Holt said: "We would advise anyone who is out walking alone at night to take precautions regarding personal safety.

"Stick to well lit or busy areas, let someone know where you are going, and consider places of safety along your route such as a friend's house or shops where you can seek help if you need it."

If you have any information or CCTV coverage of the area, call 101.

Road repair work

ROADS in and around Overton will be temporarily closed due to repair work.

A section of Thornhill Way and Bowman Road will be closed on Monday between 9.30am and 4pm as part of Hampshire Highways Operation Resilience.

A section of Reading Road between Hanmore Road and Thornhill Way will also be temporarily closed during the same times on Wednesday.

Eco church for all generations

A CHURCH in Hartley Wintney has won an award for being environmentally friendly.

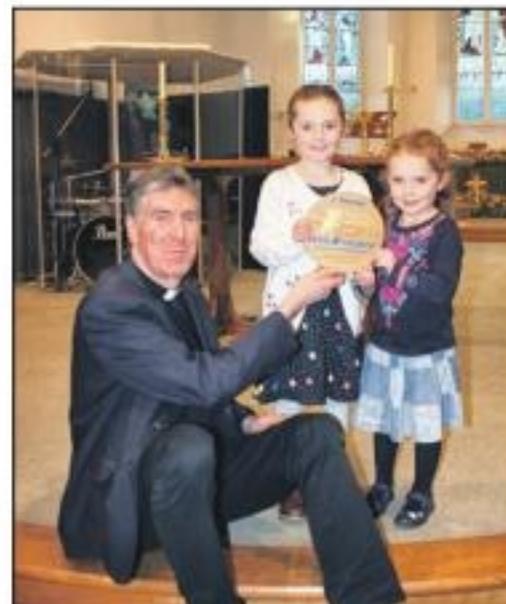
Young churchgoers at St John's were presented with the Eco Church award, recognising the community's work for the church's 'environmental credentials'.

The Venerable Richard Brand of Winchester Diocese said: "The church is committed to constantly improving our care for creation and I'm delighted to share in celebrating with St John's their wonderful achievement of a bronze Eco

Church award. I hope what they have accomplished will encourage others in their community and many other churches."

St John's holds an earth-focused service most years, and its new church centre, complete with cycle racks, is grade A energy efficient, uses green electricity and gas and has an ethical food policy.

The award plaque, made from recycled pews, was awarded to two children to symbolise caring for the earth is a way of giving to future generations.



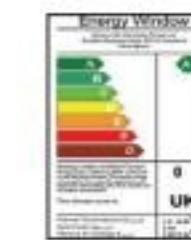
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Players' tribute to teammate killed in Hayes

TEAMMATES of a young footballer killed in London held a minute's silence to honour the player who will be 'sorely missed'.

Harry Rice, *pictured inset*, was one of three teenagers killed after a car is believed to have mounted a pavement in Hayes.

The tribute to the Basingstoke Academy player was made before their match against Oxford City FC Academy on Friday.

In an official statement from the academy, a spokesperson said: "He was popular among his peers and was known to his fellow students and course tutor as a polite, kind and happy student."

"Harry was a pleasure to work with and will be sorely missed by



everyone at Basingstoke Town FC and SCL."

The 17-year-old moved to Basingstoke's Academy programme in November after showing 'massive potential' with his footballing ability. The academy added that Harry's friends and team mates are looking at ways to remember the talented player.

A minute's silence will also be

held at the next first team home fixture against Bishops Stortford this Saturday.

■ Jaynesh Chudasama, 28, was arrested after the crash last month and has been charged with three counts of causing death by dangerous driving. He has been remanded in custody to appear at the Old Bailey on February 26.

A 34-year-old man was also arrested on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving after handing himself in.

Surgery faces threat of closure after inspection

By Eva Astreinidou

A SURGERY previously rated as 'inadequate' is still under review and could face closure if it does not improve.

Beggarwood surgery, in Broadmere Road was placed into special measures in February last year after an inspection by the Care Quality Commission.

Now, after another visit from inspectors in November, chief inspector Professor Steve Field found the service was still not well led.

In a report released last month, the surgery was rated as inadequate for the way services are led, while it deemed the efficiency and safety of the services need to be improved.

The surgery received a 'good' rating in the 'caring' category.

But the report notes: "Insuf-

ficient improvements have been made such that there remains a rating of inadequate for well-led services.

"Therefore we are taking action in line with our enforcement procedures to begin the process of preventing the provider from operating the service.

"The service will be kept under review and, if needed, could be escalated to urgent enforcement action.

"Where necessary, another inspection will be conducted within six months, and if there is not enough improvement we will move to close the service by adopting our proposal to vary the provider's registration to remove this location or cancel the provider's registration."

The report noted the practice had recently started routine reviews of the effectiveness, that

it had taken steps to improve local clinical oversight and that staff treated patients with compassion and kindness.

It added there was an increasing availability of appointments, and that the practice had a vision of improvement.

In addition, it noted that the practice had recently introduced new systems to manage risk so that safety incidents were less likely to happen.

The surgery serves around 7,400 patients.

A spokesperson for the IMH Group, which runs Cedar Medical Limited, said: "The recent inspection shows there have been improvements.

"The service was rated low in the well-led category but one of the reasons for that is that we are waiting for a new clinical lead to start on March 1."

Minister given first-hand tour of town

THE housing minister made a stop in Basingstoke to discuss plans for housebuilding in the area.

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller welcomed Dominic Raab as part of a briefing on affordable housing and future economic development.

Speaking about the visit, Mrs Miller said: "I was delighted that Basingstoke was one of the first local authorities to be able to brief the new housing minister about their ambitious plans for development. His visit also gave us the opportunity to highlight the importance of investing in the infrastructure needed for the local community and to support the new housing."

After the meeting, the minister visited the Winklebury Centre to hear about plans for regeneration in the area.

The meeting at Basingstoke and



From left, Cllr Mel Kendal, Dominic Raab MP, Maria Miller MP, Cllr Clive Sanders and Cllr Terri Reid

Deane Borough Council was led by council leader Clive Sanders, deputy leader Cllr Terri Reid,

chief executive Mel Barrett and Cllr Mel Kendal from Hampshire County Council.

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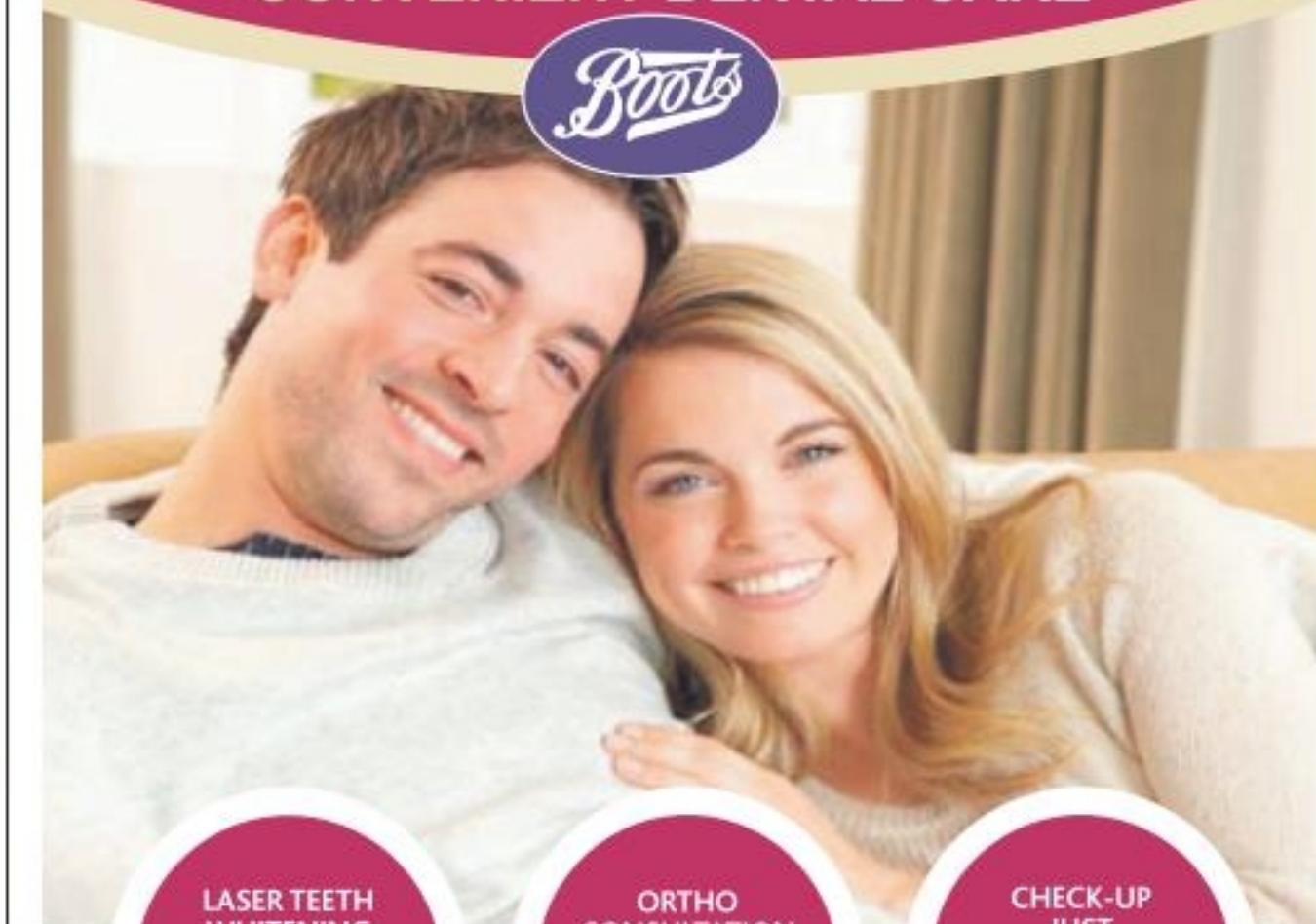
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Putting safety first online

YOUNG people who play their lives out online need to be protected.

That was the message behind a Cyber Protect & Young People conference in Hampshire last week.

At the event, a hundred teachers, social workers, youth workers and other professionals came together to find out more about how to help support young people and their families in reducing potential online risks.

Police and Crime Commissioner Michael Lane opened the event by talking about online safety, before the chief constable shared her perspective on the leading role Hampshire can play in safeguarding children and young people.

Mr Lane said: "Our children are playing their lives out online for all to see and this is having an impact on



Emma Motherwell from the NSPCC and Police and Crime Commissioner Michael Lane addressed the conference

their mental health and safety.

"Every day we hear a different story about how young people are seeking validation online – how their perceived social status relies on 'likes',

the devastating impacts that cyber-bullying can have or the humiliation and trauma caused by sexting and revenge porn.

"It is really important that we seek

to understand the pressures young people are under so we can provide the right advice, and the right support that will help them avoid being exploited or put at risk."

Fund helps boost opportunities

By Eva Astreinidou

MORE than £10million will be pumped into the development of 3,500 new homes in Manydown.

Housing secretary Sajid Javid and Chancellor Philip Hammond pledged to allocate the funds as part of a wider initiative to help new infrastructure alongside housing projects in the South East.

The funding is part of the first wave of a £5billion fund to help council-led housing developments in the area.

Basingstoke MP Maria Miller said the funding demonstrates the contin-

ued support the town is receiving from central government.

She said: "The borough has seen a new police station, new fire station, and record investment in roads and schools.

"I will continue to work with ministers and the council leader to ensure Basingstoke's ambitions to provide the homes we need for our community are matched with infrastructure investment."

An outline planning application for up to 3,500 homes on the northern area of Manydown has already been submitted.

The £10.3million package comes after a successful bid led by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council and Hampshire County Council, who jointly own the land.

The funds will now be used to cover the development of the main site entrance junctions onto the A339 and B3400, as part of a larger package to enable infrastructure work by 2020/1.

Borough council leader Cllr Clive Sanders said the funding shows Basingstoke is high on the list of towns 'for the future'.

He added: "This is another step to making the most of the great oppor-

tunity that is Basingstoke and Deane and I hope there is more to come."

County council leader Cllr Roy Perry said: "We want to see a development of which we can all be proud, and which allows people the opportunity to step on to the housing ladder, grow their families and thrive in all aspects of their lives."

"This funding from Government signals their confidence in our good work, and in our planning for the long-term future of this community."

To find out more about the development visit manydownbasingstoke.co.uk.

InBrief

Help with advice

STUDENTS can give back this summer by volunteering for Basingstoke Citizens Advice.

Successful applicants will take on the role of assessor – the initial contact for anyone seeking help or information from the agency.

The volunteers will help their clients understand letters and forms, or advise them of their rights and responsibilities.

Successful applicants will be expected to volunteer for at least two days a week throughout July, August and September, at the offices in the Discovery Centre in Festival Place.

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Anniversary awards

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This year the awards will be part of a special afternoon to be held in the Gill Nethercott Centre on April 22.

Six awards are made each year as well as a special youth award that is given to young people who have achieved or helped to inspire others.

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Hospital panto reaches new heights

HOSPITAL staff raised more than £4,500 as they performed their own pantomime for charity.

Staff at Hampshire Hospitals NHS foundation trust wowed their audience as they took to the stage for their annual performance at the Haymarket in Basingstoke.

Jack and the Basingstalk was a massive success, with tickets selling out in advance and a grand total of £4,574 being raised from ticket sales and collection buckets.

The money raised will be split and donated to the North Hampshire medical fund, The Pink Place, the Ark Cancer Centre Charity.

Staff who were involved took part in casual auditions held last September and weekly rehearsals to ensure everything went to plan.

Sharon Watson, who helped organise the pantomime and played Daisy the Cow, said: "I want to say a massive thank you to all



Staff put on a great show raising more than £4,500 for various good causes with their panto at the Haymarket

the cast who gave up their time over the weekends to make sure we put on the best show we could.

"Everything went really well on the day and we put on such a great show. Everyone had such

a good time performing and the audience were amazing.

"I'd also like to say thank you to everyone who bought tickets, came to see us and donated money."

Knitting nana's way of saying thank you

Brenda's 70 scarves to celebrate her 70th birthday

By Eva Astreinidou

A 'KNITTING nana' is planning on celebrating her 70th birthday in a rather unique way.

Brenda Meakin is going to knit at least 70 scarves to be sold later in the year with all proceeds donated to a charity close to her heart, Crohns and Colitis UK.

The knitter from Basingstoke aims to have the scarves finished in time for winter and says her house is overflowing with wool in preparation for the challenge.

She said she wanted to give back to a support group that had helped her through her own ordeal with Crohns disease.

Mrs Meakin, who has five grandsons, said: "I was diagnosed with Crohns six years ago at the age of 63 and became very ill extremely quickly and was virtually house-bound for the next two years.

"I've had two huge surgeries to remove half and then the rest of my colon but they have put me in



Brenda Meakin intends to knit 70 scarves to raise funds for Crohns and Colitis UK which helped her

remission and I'm getting on with living my life again.

"At diagnosis I was quite uninformed about the illness so I went on social media and found a sup-

port group called #getyourbelly-out which has been amazing and given me so much knowledge of my disease. The group also fundraises for CCUK and I want to give something back.

"I love knitting and decided to incorporate that love with the fact that it's a big year for me as I will be 70 in April."

She said she has so far completed 18 scarves, and has raised £45 out of a target of £200.

She added: "I've always loved knitting but when I was really poorly the fatigue that comes with Crohns took that pleasure away from me so it is very special to me that I can do this challenge. I've been potentially offered tables to sell the scarves when they're all done and I'm already getting offers to sell online so hopefully my idea will be successful."

CCUK aims to raise awareness and help around 300,000 people in the UK who are suffering from inflammatory bowel disease.

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Business advice

WANT to network with other business-savvy people?

You can do just that at the Basingstoke Business Expo at the Apollo Hotel on March 22.

Whether you're an existing business looking to grow, a business in the early stages, or want to explore the possibilities of starting your own business – you will find something of interest at the show.

The free event will include a seminar programme and keynote speakers, as well as a variety of exhibitors showcasing local and regional businesses.

To register or book a stand, visit www.b2bexpos.co.uk/basingstoke.html.

Join in Ark ride

THERE are still places left for this year's Ark Cancer Charity ride.

Setting off from Basingstoke on July 14, the ride will finish in Bournemouth the next day.

The entry fee is £150, to cover costs of running the event and a £50 donation to the charity.

The charity will also be setting up a group fundraising page for individual riders who want to raise more funds.

For more information, visit www.arkriders.co.uk/ride/

Festival's art theme

ORGANISERS of the Basingstoke Festival have announced the theme for this year's event is 'art in unexpected places'.

The event, now in its seventh year, will run from June 15 to July 8.

The organisers are asking for creative ideas to be submitted for a chance to make them a reality.

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Fee proposal for family festival

By Eva Astreinidou

FESTIVAL goers could be made to pay an entry fee to attend Basingstoke Live, a mainstay in the town's calendar for the past 12 years.

This comes as part of a series of proposals that could include the festival being extended to include a third day.

Arts and heritage councillor Terri Reid says introducing a fee would mean the potential to showcase local talent to a wider audience, while also improving the quality of the event.

But supporters of the event say

a charge would alter the fabric and identity of it and could mean a drop in numbers.

Joe Weston wrote online: "I thought this event was set up for new local talented people. I hope they don't lose sight of its origins."

Tracey Dovey added: "Keep it free! It's a great weekend that is entertainment for all the family."

"It is great to see a wide range of people from every age range and walk of life coming together and enjoying themselves.

"It would cause a drastic drop in

numbers if this became a paid for event."

"Why is it that every cutback seems to aim straight at the average family these days? Hitting where it hurts the most as usual."

At a meeting earlier this month, councillors struggled to reach a consensus on the matter.

Cllr Reid said: "While I understand the concerns of those people who wish to see this remain a free music festival, I am clear that Basingstoke Live should be one of the borough's key events that helps showcase the area's

diverse cultural offer to all, including those further afield, contributing to promoting Basingstoke as an attractive place to live and visit.

"With over 30,000 tickets available at accessible prices, we will retain the event's community spirit whilst improving engagement in the arts and securing a sustainable future for the event."

If proposals go ahead, the event will continue to be free for children under 12 and £2 a day ticket or £3 for weekend for 13 to 17-year-olds. A weekend ticket for adults would be £15.

Young chefs have all the ingredients for promising careers

STUDENTS cooked up a storm for a MasterChef-style competition in Basingstoke.

Hospitality and catering students prepared dishes for a chance to be featured in a new menu at the on-site training restaurant at Basingstoke College of Technology (BCoT).

Earlier this month, they were tasked with developing and presenting either a new starter, main course or dessert to feature on the menu.

A panel including the college's chef lecturer, restaurant manager and members of the teaching staff were then invited to pick their favourites.

The winning main course was a pork belly dish served with parsnip purée and local cider sauce, created by Jordan Spendley.

Sam Egerton-Kemp's Celebration of

Citrus dessert, which contained lemon meringue pie, grapefruit jelly, lime cream and candy orange zest, also won a place on the menu as did Tasharna Stapleton's lamb kofta with flat bread and pomegranate salad.

College principal Anthony Bravo said: "There is no better source of inspiration for our exciting new menu than our students, who always provide a range of exciting and fresh ideas that will appeal to people of all ages."

Run by BCoT's hospitality and catering department, the restaurant gives students the opportunity to learn, practise and master their skills.

The restaurant offers a three-course lunch menu at £12.50 and a four-course dinner menu at £22.

To sample the new menu, visit therestaurantatbcot.org.uk.



Judges give their verdict on the dishes on offer and inset, the winning dessert *Celebration of Citrus*

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Spring into fun

FESTIVAL Place will be hosting a variety of events this spring.

As part of Valentine's Day celebrations, visitors to the shopping centre can pose for a picture in a 1960's white and red Cadillac at Portchester Square this Saturday and Sunday. Share your picture on the centre's Facebook page and be in with a chance of winning a prize.

The Great Brick Safari LEGO tour will also be at the centre, to welcome Easter.

From March 29 to April 8, customers can take part in an interactive trail searching for animals to win a prize. On Good Friday (March 30) and Saturday there will be an interactive Bright Bricks session where children can build their own lion or tiger LEGO face to take home with them.

For more information, visit www.festivalplace.co.uk

Help with children

PARENTS whose children need extra support are invited to free workshops in Basingstoke.

Contact, the charity for families with disabled children, is running a series of free, welcoming and informative workshops every Wednesday in February for parents of children aged 0-5.

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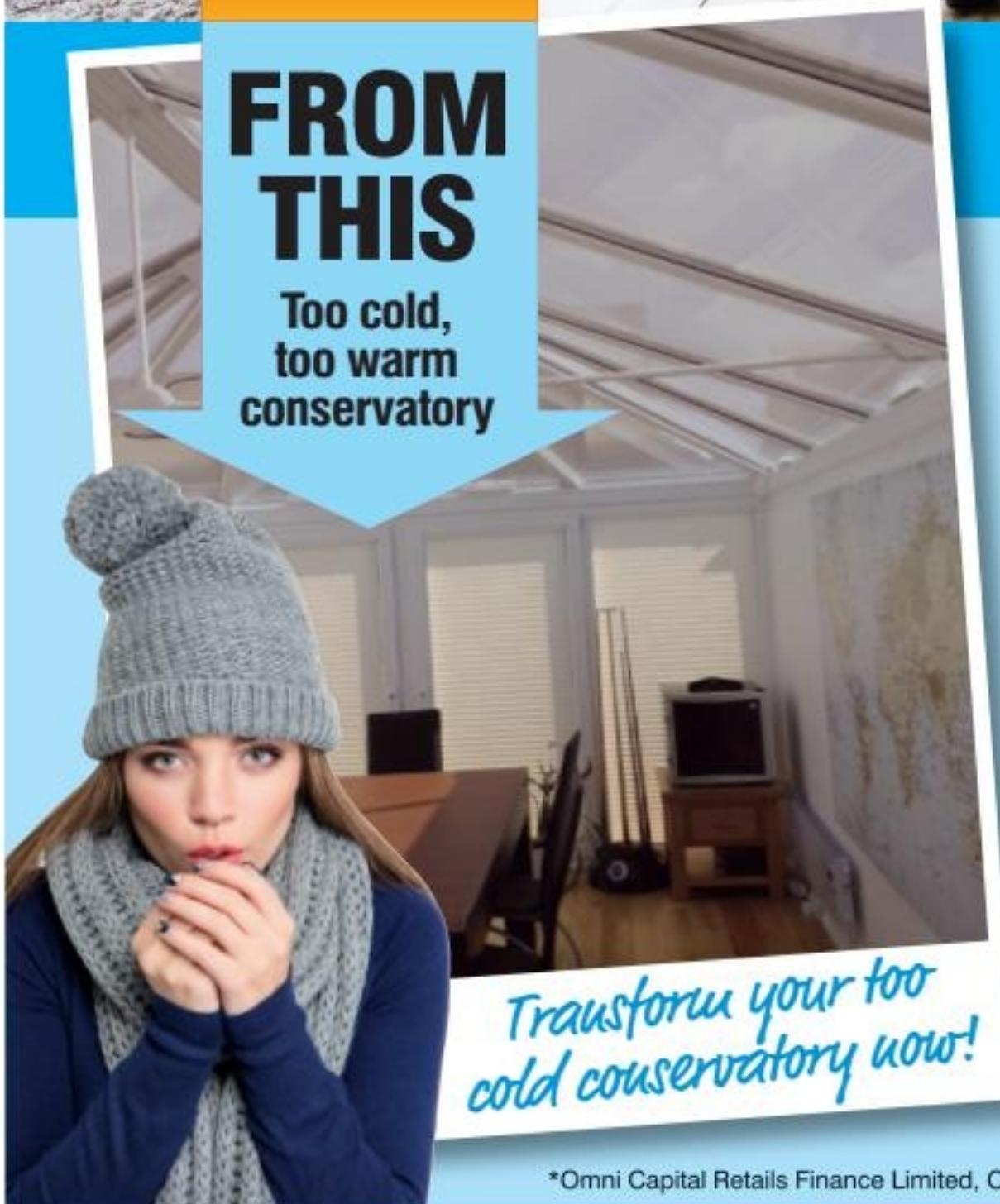
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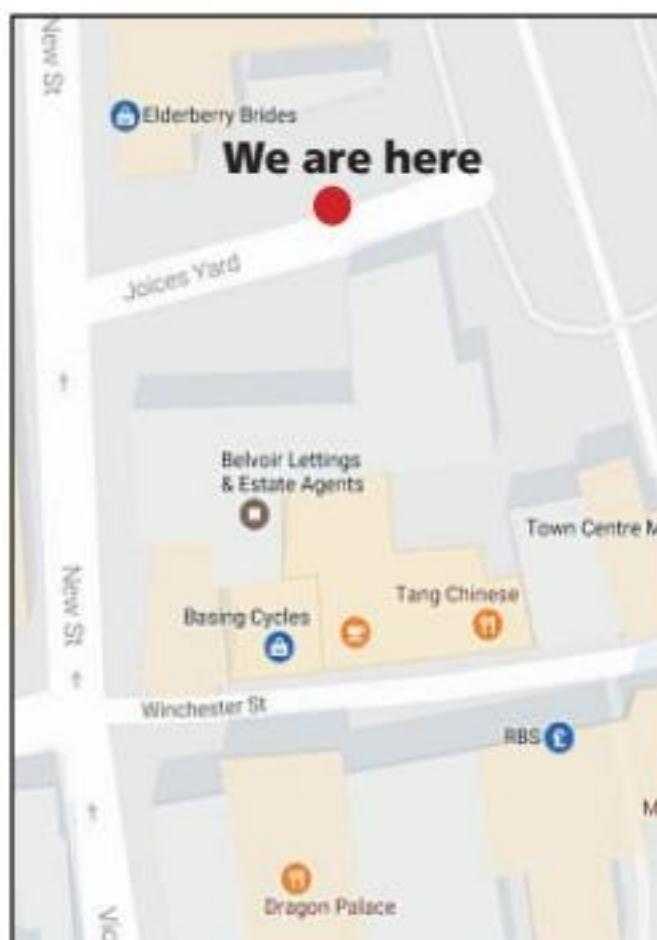
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Even if you aren't planning on selling in the near future, if parking is an issue in your local area, consider converting your front garden into some parking space to boost the desirability and value of your home. The good news is that planning permission is often not needed to convert a driveway if the property is on an A or B road, although local highway regulations will need to be adhered to. We would strongly advise that you

By Romans Group

check with your local authority prior to commencing any work. If your home offers both a garage and a parking space, then you may be able to increase the value of your property further by converting the garage into extra liveable space. Adding an extra room to your home is fairly straightforward and in many cases does not require planning permission (but, it's advisable to seek professional advice beforehand) but it will need to adhere to building regulations. Depending on the size of the garage and the floor plan of the home, it could be converted into a new kitchen area, general living space, study or even a gym!

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Czech out the Philharmonic

By Josh Cox

MUSIC lovers are in for a treat when an orchestra with a pedigree stretching back more than one hundred years performs at The Anvil.

The Czech Philharmonic, one of the world's greatest orchestras is playing as part of its UK-wide tour.

The performance will be conducted by Tomáš Netopil and joined by the dynamic Alisa Weilerstein on cello, a regular collaborator with the orchestra.

Founded more than a hundred years ago and first conducted by Dvořák, the Czech Philharmonic retains its distinctive sound to this day.

The concert will open with one of Dvořák's most imaginative works, a series of variations on a Czech folk song.

This is followed by Shostakovich's concerto (no. 1), one of his most significant and successful works.

To conclude, Netopil will take the orchestra through Dvořák's most famous symphony (no. 9), written in America while filled with longing for his Czech homeland, performed in a true Czech style by musicians who have grown up with his music.

In the year that marks the 100th anniversary of Czech and Slovak independence, this is sure to be a real treat of a concert.

The Czech Philharmonic has seen continued success year after year since its inception in 1896 and now



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Weilerstein has appeared with all the foremost orchestras of the United States and Europe, collaborating with leading conductors.

One of Alisa's major career mile-

stones includes an emotionally tumultuous account of Elgar's concerto with the Berlin Philharmonic and Daniel Barenboim in Oxford, for the orchestra's 2010 European Concert, which was televised live to an audience of millions worldwide.

Tickets for the Czech Philharmonic on February 16 are priced from £14 to £40 (includes £2 booking fee).

For more information or for tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or visit the website anvilarts.org.uk.

On stage

Folk at The Forge

Fresh from playing the lead role in Simon Fielder's Buddy Holly & The Cricketers, Sunjay play at The Forge on Saturday.

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Four decades of hits

Rock and roll covers band Flying Visit will be dropping in to the Royal British Legion Club in Alton on Saturday at 8.30pm.

The band has been playing since the 1970s and their repertoire is a blend of rock 'n' roll, country, blues, and popular ballads.

Entry is £3 for non-members.

Sweet taste of blues

Bitter Blues, a blues and rock covers band will be putting on a free gig at The Wheatsheaf in Alton on Saturday from 9pm.

The five piece band will cover artists such as Gary Moore, ZZ Top, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Free, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and many more.

Enjoy a Sheik down

For an evening of catchy rhythm and classic blues, head down to the Basildon Blues Club on February 17 as local band The Voodoo Sheiks will be playing from 8.30pm till late.

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La Traviata



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Riff after riff

The Anvil will be hosting a musical journey via two and a half hours of rock and roll on Tuesday at 7.30pm.

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Rumours of Fleetwood Mac are set to play at The Anvil on March 16 from 8pm. Tickets are priced between £35.50 and £25.50.

For more information or to book your tickets, call the Anvil Arts box office on 01256 844244, or visit the website anvilarts.org.uk.

Rumours of a great tribute act

Can you hear them calling out your name to go to concert?

By Josh Cox

RUMOURS of Fleetwood Mac, one of the world's leading tribute acts to Fleetwood Mac, returns to the stage with a new show celebrating 40 years of the iconic Rumours album and following on from their sellout tour 'Hits to Blues' in 2016/17.

Performing the legendary Rumours album note-for-note and in its entirety, plus many more, the band will be appearing at The Anvil next month.

Encompassing nearly five decades of legendary music and channeling the spirit of Fleetwood Mac at their very best, Rumours of Fleetwood Mac offer a unique opportunity for fans, both old and new, to rediscover the songs and performances that have ensured Fleetwood Mac's place as one of the most loved bands of all time.

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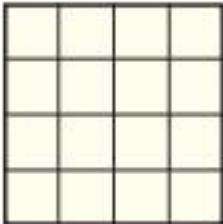
Each number in our Cross Code grid represents a different letter of the alphabet. You have three letters in the control grid to start you off. Enter them in the appropriate squares in the main grid, then use your knowledge of words to work out which letters should go in the missing squares.

As you get the letters, fill in other squares with the same number in the main grid and control grid. Check off the alphabetical list of letters as you identify them.

MAGIC SQUARE

AND CATCHES THE SUN

Using all 16 letters of the phrase above, form four words each of four letters which will fit in the grid to form a magic square in which the words can be read both horizontally and vertically.



SUDOKU

Easy

Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 to 9, and so must each 3 x 3 box.

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SOLUTIONS

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Thursday February 8th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1



5.15pm Pointless
9.15am Countryfile Winter Diaries
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
11.00am Wanted Down Under Revisited
11.45am A1: Britain's Longest Road

12.15pm Bargain Hunt
1.00pm BBC News at One
1.30pm Regional News and Weather
1.45pm Doctors
2.15pm Moving On
3.00pm Escape to the Country
3.45pm The Farmers' Country Showdown
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm EastEnders
8.00pm Animals with Cameras
9.00pm Death in Paradise
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.30pm Regional News and Weather
10.45pm Question Time
11.45pm This Week
12.30am Weather for the Week Ahead
12.35am BBC News
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2

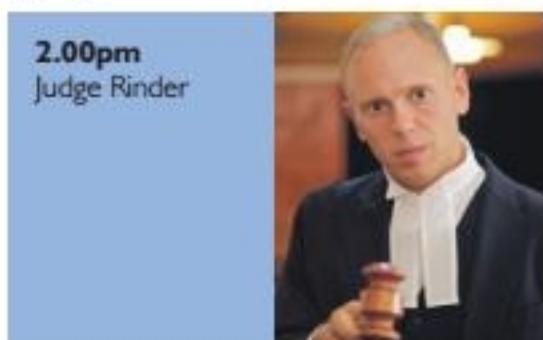


6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.15am Countryfile Winter Diaries
8.00am MasterChef: The Professionals
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live
12.00pm The Daily Politics

1.00pm Coast
2.00pm Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
3.00pm A Place to Call Home
3.45pm This Wild Life
4.15pm New Zealand: Earths Mythical Islands
5.15pm Flog It!
6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys

7.00pm Winter Olympics
8.00pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
9.00pm Trouble at the Zoo
10.00pm The Mash Report
10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Dragons' Den
12.15am The Truth About Getting Fit
1.15am Wonders of the Moon
2.15am This is BBC Two
6.00am My Life in Books
6.30am Wanted Down Under Revisited

ITV



2.00pm Judge Rinder
8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Travel Chaos: The True Cost - Tonight
8.00pm Emmerdale
8.30pm The Cruise
9.00pm James Bulger: A Mother's Story
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Car Wars
11.45pm Lethal Weapon
12.35am Jackpot247

Channel 4



8.00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Undercover Boss USA

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
4.00pm A Place in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm George Clarke's Amazing Spaces
9.00pm Hunted
10.00pm Derry Girls
10.35pm 24 Hours in A and E
11.35pm Shut-Ins: Britain's Fattest Woman
12.35am One Born Every Minute
1.30am The Secret Life of 5 Year Olds
2.25am How to Lose Weight Well
3.15am Location, Location, Location

Channel 5



8.00pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
8.20am Rusty Rivets
8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm Cowboy Builders
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Abducted: The Carlina White Story
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
8.00pm Bargain Loving Brits in the Sun
9.00pm Dale Winton's Florida Fly Drive
10.00pm Special Needs Employment Agency
11.05pm Elizabeth: Our Queen
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am The X Files
4.00am Get Your Tatts Out: Kavos Ink House Doctor
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am The Great Artists

Friday February 9th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

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BBC 1

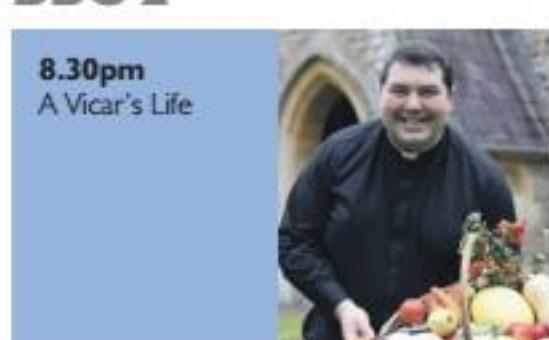


9.15am Countryfile Winter Diaries
10.00am Homes Under the Hammer
10.30am Winter Olympics

1.30pm BBC News
2.00pm Regional News and Weather
2.15pm Doctors
2.45pm Moving On
3.30pm Escape to the Country
4.30pm Antiques Road Trip
5.15pm Pointless

6.00pm BBC News at Six
6.30pm Regional News and Weather
7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Would I Lie to You?
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Room 101
9.00pm Requiem
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
10.25pm Regional News and Weather
10.35pm The Graham Norton Show
11.25pm The Young Offenders
11.55pm Witless
12.20am Winter Olympics
4.00am Winter Olympics

BBC 2

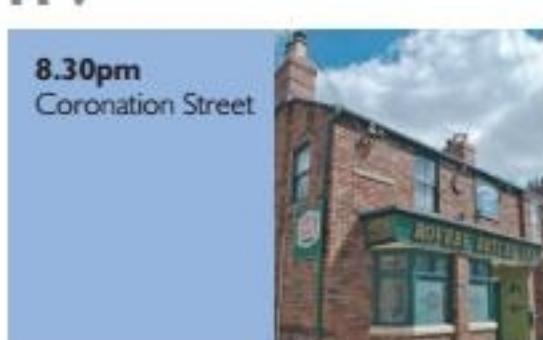


7.15am Countryfile Winter Diaries
8.00am MasterChef
9.00am Victoria Derbyshire
11.00am BBC Newsroom Live

12.00pm The Daily Politics
1.00pm This Wild Life
1.30pm Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
2.30pm Monty Halls' Great Hebridean Escape
3.30pm A Place to Call Home
4.15pm New Zealand: Earths Mythical Islands
5.15pm Flog It!

6.00pm Eggheads
6.30pm Great American Railroad Journeys
7.00pm Winter Olympics
8.00pm Mastermind
8.30pm A Vicar's Life
9.00pm Nigel Slater's Middle East: Turkey
10.00pm QI
10.30pm Newsnight
11.05pm Looper
12.55am Panorama
1.25am Animals with Cameras
2.25am Weather for the Week Ahead

ITV



8.30am Lorraine
9.25am The Jeremy Kyle Show
10.30am This Morning

12.30pm Loose Women
1.30pm ITV Lunchtime News
1.55pm ITV News London
2.00pm Judge Rinder
3.00pm Dickinson's Real Deal
4.00pm Tipping Point
5.00pm The Chase

6.00pm ITV News London
6.30pm ITV Evening News
7.00pm Emmerdale
7.30pm Coronation Street
8.00pm River Monsters
8.30pm Coronation Street
9.00pm Lethal Weapon
10.00pm ITV News at Ten and Weather
10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm Through the Keyhole
11.45pm Take Me Out
12.45am Jackpot247
3.00am Alphabetical
3.50am ITV Nightscreen

Channel 4



9.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
7.35am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.30am Frasier
10.05am Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA
11.00am Undercover Boss USA

12.00pm Channel 4 News
12.05pm Couples Come Dine with Me
1.05pm Posh Pawnbrokers
2.10pm Countdown
3.00pm Village of the Year with Penelope Keith
4.00pm A Place in the Sun
5.00pm Four in a Bed
5.30pm Extreme Cake Makers

6.00pm The Simpsons
6.30pm Hollyoaks
7.00pm Channel 4 News
8.00pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
9.00pm 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown
10.00pm The Last Leg
11.05pm First Dates Hotel
12.10am Safe House
2.10am Born to Kill
3.10am The Supervet
4.05am Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny
5.00am Coast v Country

Channel 5



7.00pm The Wine Show
8.35am Shimmer and Shine
8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
9.15am The Wright Stuff
11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

12.10pm 5 News Lunchtime
12.15pm Cowboy Builders
1.15pm Home and Away
1.45pm Neighbours
2.15pm NCIS
3.15pm Kidnapping Lizzie: Nightmare Visions
5.00pm 5 News at 5
5.30pm Neighbours

6.00pm Home and Away
6.30pm 5 News Tonight
7.00pm The Wine Show
8.00pm Celebrity Five Go Barging
9.00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald
10.00pm Will and Grace
10.35pm Julie Walters: By Her Friends
11.30pm Lip Sync Battle UK
12.00am Super Casino
3.10am A Day Late and a Dollar Short
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am The Great Artists
5.35am HouseBusters
6.00am Little Princess

Saturday February 10th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1



10 February 2018
10.00am Winter Olympics

12.00pm Football Focus
1.00pm BBC News
1.15pm Winter Olympics
4.30pm Final Score
5.25pm BBC News
5.35pm Regional News and Weather
5.45pm And They're Off... for Sport Relief

BBC 2



10.00pm The Young Victoria

10.00am Saturday Kitchen Live
11.30am Mary Berry Everyday

12.00pm Winter Olympics
1.15pm Hairy Bikers' Mediterranean Adventure
2.15pm Escape to the Country
3.00pm Italy's Invisible Cities
4.00pm Nigel Slater's Middle East: Turkey
5.00pm Dragons' Den

ITV



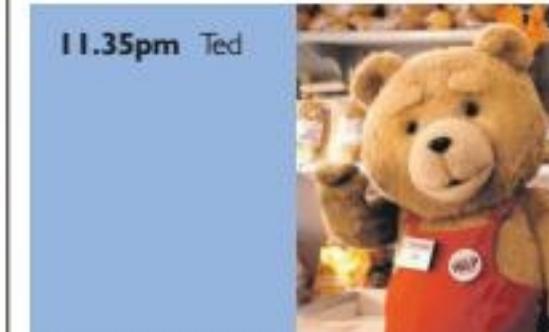
10.50pm Lethal Weapon 2

8.30am Be Cool, Scooby-Doo
9.05am Wishart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am Saturday Morning with James Martin
11.20am Dancing on Ice

1.15pm ITV News London
1.20pm ITV News
1.30pm 6 Nations Live: Ireland v Italy
4.20pm 6 Nations Live: England v Wales

7.00pm Take Me Out
8.15pm The Voice UK
9.45pm Through the Keyhole
10.35pm ITV News
10.50pm Lethal Weapon 2
1.00am You've Been Framed!
1.30am Jackpot247
3.00am Babushka
3.50am ITV Nightscreen
6.00am Sooty
6.10am Bottom Knocker Street
6.20am Bottom Knocker Street
6.35am Dino Dana
6.50am Super 4

Channel 4



11.35pm Ted

7.10am King of Queens
8.00am Everybody Loves Raymond
9.00am Frasier
10.30am The Big Bang Theory
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12.00pm The Simpsons
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1.30pm Come Dine with Me
2.30pm Coast v Country
3.30pm A Place in the Sun
4.30pm The Secret Life of the Zoo
5.35pm The Supervet

6.30pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Great Canal Journeys
8.00pm Village of the Year Final with Penelope Keith
9.00pm Die Hard 4.0
11.35pm Ted
1.25am The Last Leg
2.20am Hollyoaks Omnibus
4.25am Coast v Country
5.20am Location, Location, Location
6.15am King of Queens
6.40am King of Queens

Channel 5



2.00pm The A-Team

9.35am Digby Dragon
9.55am Peppa Pig
10.00am Peppa Pig
10.05am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.40am Pets Make You Laugh Out Loud
11.05am Police Interceptors

12.00pm Police Interceptors
1.00pm The A-Team
2.00pm The A-Team
3.00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
4.00pm Can't Pay? We'll Take it Away!
5.00pm Rich House, Poor House

6.00pm The Wonderful World of Puppies
7.00pm Cruising with Jane McDonald
8.00pm The World's Most Luxurious Cruise Ship
8.55pm 5 News Weekend
9.00pm Football on 5
10.00pm Football on 5
10.30pm The Silence of the Lambs
12.40am Super Casino
3.10am Cowboy Builders
4.00am Cowboy Builders
4.45am House Doctor
5.10am Great Scientists

Sunday February 11th

TOP TV

MORNING

AFTERNOON

EVENING

BBC 1



7.35am Match of the Day
9.00am The Andrew Marr Show
10.00am The Big Questions
11.00am Sunday Politics

12.15pm BBC News
12.30pm Winter Olympics
2.30pm Six Nations Rugby Union
5.00pm Songs of Praise
5.35pm Celebrity Mastermind

6.05pm BBC News
6.20pm Regional News and Weather
6.30pm Countryfile
7.30pm Still Open All Hours
8.00pm Call the Midwife
9.00pm McMafia
10.00pm BBC News
10.20pm Regional News and Weather
10.30pm Match of the Day 2
11.35pm The Women's Football Show
12.10am Winter Olympics
3.30am Winter Olympics
6.00am Breakfast

BBC 2



9.15am Winter Olympics

12.30pm Saturday Kitchen Best Bites
2.00pm Food and Drink
2.30pm Back in Time for Tea
3.30pm The Crane Gang
4.30pm Winter Olympics

6.00pm New York: America's Busiest City
7.00pm Winter Olympics
8.00pm South Korea: Earth's Hidden Wilderness
9.00pm Dragons' Den
10.00pm The Mash Report
10.30pm Live at the Apollo
11.15pm Cleverman
12.10am Women's Six Nations Highlights
12.40am The Deep
2.05am Question Time
3.05am Holby City
4.05am Weather for the Week Ahead

ITV



8.00pm Endeavour

9.05am Wishart
9.25am ITV News
9.30am River Monsters
10.00am Peston on Sunday
11.00am The Martin Lewis Money Show
11.25am The Voice UK

12.55pm ITV News
1.00pm Best Walks with a View with Julia Bradbury
1.30pm What Would Your Kid Do?
2.30pm The Cruise
3.00pm Britain's Brightest Family
3.30pm Tipping Point
4.30pm ITV News London
4.40pm ITV News
5.00pm The Chase: Celebrity Special

Channel 4



9.00pm Spy

7.05am Everybody Loves Raymond
8.00am Frasier
9.30am Sunday Brunch

12.30pm Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast
1.35pm The Simpsons
2.05pm The Simpsons
2.35pm School of Rock
4.45pm Fantastic Four: Rise of the Silver Surfer

6.30pm Channel 4 News
7.00pm Posh Pawn
8.00pm Lost Cities of the Maya
9.00pm Spy
11.25pm Friends with Benefits
1.25am The World's Most Expensive Food
2.20am The Supervet
3.15am Four Rooms with Sarah Beeny
4.10am Gillette World Sport
4.35am KOTV Boxing Weekly
5.05am Location, Location, Location
6.00am Countdown
6.45am 3rd Rock from the Sun

Channel 5



4.30pm Sleepless in Seattle

9.10am Shimmer and Shine
9.30am Digby Dragon
9.45am Peppa Pig
9.50am Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles
10.25am Football on 5
11.45am Police Interceptors

12.45pm Over Her Dead Body
2.30pm What to Expect When You're Expecting
4.25pm 5 News Weekend
4.30pm Sleepless in Seattle
5.30pm 5 News
5.35pm Sleepless in Seattle

6.30pm Along Came Polly
8.00pm Rom-Com LOL Special
9.00pm Britain's Favourite Rom-Com
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7.00pm The One Show
7.30pm Inside Out
8.00pm EastEnders
8.30pm Panorama
9.00pm Julius Caesar Revealed
10.00pm BBC News at Ten
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11.15pm The Graham Norton Show
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BBC 2

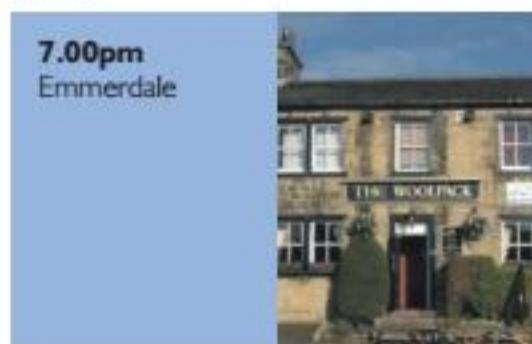


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10.30pm Newsnight
11.15pm Odyssey
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1.35am Food: Truth or Scare
2.20am Hugh's Wild West

ITV



7.00pm Emmerdale
8.30am Lorraine
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12.30pm Loose Women
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1.55pm ITV News London
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8.00pm The Martin Lewis Money Show
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10.30pm ITV News London
10.45pm James Bulger: A Mother's Story
11.45pm Car Crash Britain
12.35am Jackpot247
3.00am The Jeremy Kyle Show

Channel 4



7.10am 3rd Rock from the Sun
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8.30pm Food Unwrapped
9.00pm The World's Most Luxurious Airline
10.00pm First Dates Hotel
11.05pm Derry Girls
11.40pm Hunted
12.40am It's a Weird World
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2.25am Obsessive Compulsive Cleaners

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8.20am Digby Dragon
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8.55am Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom
9.05am Mofy
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11.15am GPs: Behind Closed Doors

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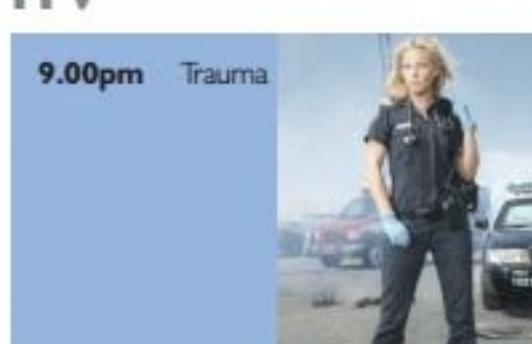


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12.15am Mum
12.45am The Super League Show
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Ignis lights up the small supermini market

By Tony Yates

THE Supermini market has been growing at an astonishing rate for the last few years – and as we move into 2018, it's getting even hotter – mainly thanks to everybody talking about the demise of diesel engines and why we should all buy smaller cars if we want to save the planet.

So, what's the reason for this sudden hype? Well, buyers are now looking for the smaller cars because we are told they are cheaper to run, and in many cases cheaper to buy. And that's the nuts and bolts of it basically. But, what I will say is nothing in life is ever simple.

Actually, because we are talking about value for money motoring, I want to introduce you to the rather good-looking Suzuki Ignis – and why after only a few days of driving it, I'm totally convinced that maybe it's something pretty special.

Power & efficiency

The Ignis is powered by a four-cylinder Dualjet petrol engine that produces 90ps at 6000rpm and 120Nm

at 4400rpm. 0 to 62 mph is dealt with in 11.5 seconds – moving onto a top speed of around 103 mph.

The official fuel economy figures from Suzuki are; 60.1 mpg (combined) with a CO₂ rating of 106 g/km - although the best I could get was around 50mpg, but then I was not really trying to get near what Suzuki had said was possible.

On the road

I like the way the little Ignis handles – but I do feel the suspension is a little bouncy – saying that, when the road gets twisty – it is more than capable of holding its own thanks to a good balance of chassis and suspension. When you think about it, it actually performs rather well and I was really impressed by this. Of course, this means it gives you a lot of confidence into the corners, which in turn makes it quite the drive. Also, when the road gets twisty – you have that wonderful Suzuki ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system keeping you formally in check. Yes, you heard that correctly, a 4-wheel drive system that does a very nice job indeed of keeping you glued to



the tarmac with no muddy fields involved whatsoever.

Design & technology

My test car was fitted with decent seating and clever interior accents,

which lifts even the most boring of interiors – not that the inside is boring, but you do sense that the Ignis was set out to be more practical than luxurious. Saying that it's quite plush and all the dials and controls are easy to use. But, and its a small one, some of the plastics on the

inside could have been better quality.

Space – well let's just say for a small car it has bags of it - along with a decent driving position and plenty of room in the back for most adults to sit in reasonable comfort. The boot is also pretty good, with max luggage capacity coming in around 1,086 litres.

Some of the standard features fitted to my test vehicle included; LED daytime running lights, LED projector headlamps, ALLGRIP 4-wheel drive system, DAB digital radio with 4 speakers, USB, Bluetooth and iPod, driver and passenger front, side and curtain airbags, ABS with EBD, Electronic Stability Program, Hill Hold Control and Hill Descent, automatic headlights, automatic air conditioning, 16" alloy wheels, cruise control with speed limiter and rear parking camera.

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Bison back at top after victories

By Owen Hughes

BASINGSTOKE Bison pulled off two important wins in a double weekender that returns them to the summit of the NIHL South 1.

Bison were made to work hard for the 4-3 victory over table toppers Peterborough Phantoms on home ice, twice falling behind to the visitors on Saturday.

A dazzling first period of back-and-forth exchanges somehow ended scoreless as both teams cancelled each other out.

Net minder Dean Skins had to be sharp in the second period to keep out a shot from Peterborough's Owen Griffiths before Vanya Antonov's shot at the other end of the ice went wide.

It was Nathan Salem who first

breached Bison's defence on 35.23 minutes before Ales Padelek bundled over the line just 36 seconds later to lead 2-0 at the break.

Daniel Scott led the comeback in the third period beating Euan King with a blast before Grant Rounding fired level with 15.34 to play.

The Phantoms nudged back in front on 46.34 through a textbook powerplay from Griffiths but Josh Smith once more tied the scores with 6.53 to play.

Davies was the hero of the hour as his tap in for the go ahead goal with 3.50 left was enough to ensure the win.

The weekend was made all the sweeter when Bison struck seven past Invicta Dynamos in Kent on Sunday.

Davies (8.46, 53.31), Tomas Kar-

pov (13.02, 29.04), Joe Baird (31.04), Antonov (52.29) and Hallam Wilson (56.22) all got on the score sheet for a relatively comfortable two points.

Bison coach Doug Sheppard said: "We came off our most emotional game on Saturday night which was both physically and mentally draining.

"We had to work very hard to get the points against tough opposition and I think maybe we may have had a bit of metaphorical hangover on Sunday."

"We managed to do what was needed and pick up a valuable two points securing ourselves a huge four point weekend in terms of the title race."

Bison were due to play Hull Tigers in the Autumn Cup semi-final on Wednesday as we went to press.



Daniel Scott celebrates scoring in the top-of-the-table clash with Peterborough Phantoms on Saturday
Picture: grantkingphotography.com

Sarnies toasted by seven goals from high-flying Row

GOAL-HAPPY Hartley Wintney scored four goals or more for the 10th time this season as the men in orange cruised to a 7-1 home win over Egham Town on Saturday.

The thumping win consolidated the Row's position in the play-offs and propelled them to fourth, six points off the automatic spots.

And the home side seemed to be in a hurry, racing to a 3-0 lead within 15 minutes. Jake Baxter (9 minutes) got Hartley up and running before a Liam Eagle (13) header and a Steven Duff (15) cross-cum-shot helped inflict the early damage.

Brendan Matthew immediately reduced the arrears for the away side

but the Surrey team were never likely to get back into this one.

Duff celebrated his second on the half hour mark for a 4-1 half time lead.

Whatever Duff could do, Baxter could do better. Shortly after the restart he grabbed a double of his own with a fine curling shot from the edge of the 18-yard box.

An Adam Everiss strike just after the hour and a Paul Hodges goal in added time rounded off the comprehensive win, making it six wins in seven games for in-form Hartley.

The Row face successive away games as they travel to AFC Dunstable (3rd) on Sunday before visiting Fleet Town (19th) on Tuesday.



Hants slip up in Caribbean

HAMPSHIRE'S promising young cricket team began their pre-season campaign in the Caribbean Super50 tournament with two defeats and a win.

Hants fielded a youthful side at the 3Ws Oval on Thursday last week but slipped to defeat against Barbados Pride.

Joe Weatherley (51) and Sean Ervine (63) created a 112-run partnership before Lewis McManus (47) and Brad Taylor (20) continued the Hampshire attack, leaving the visitors on 227-7 after their 50 overs.

Hampshire put the pressure on in the second innings with Brad Wheal taking Barbados' Kevin Stoute for two in just his second ball.

The hosts were 63-3 in the 16th over but an unbeaten 168-run from Jonathan Carter (92) and Roston Chase (85) led Barbados Pride to a seven-wicket victory after 46.3 overs.

The visitors took the game to T&T Red Force in their second match of

the tournament on Saturday.

It was the home side who were put into bat first and finished their 50 overs on 283-8, with Wheal the pick of the bowlers after conceding only 42 runs from his 10 overs.

The English county registered 46 overs on 208 in the second innings with Sunil Narine showcasing his renowned white-ball experience taking three wickets from 10 overs for just 22 runs.

A close encounter with the Marooners on Monday saw the Hampshire club win by four runs with 42.3 overs on 152-10, to Marooners 46 overs on 148-10.

Hampshire returned to action against Windwards Volcanoes at the Kensington Oval on Wednesday as we went to press.

*Brad Wheal has been the pick of the Hampshire side's bowlers during the Caribbean Super50 tournament
Picture: Dave Yokes Photography*

Sport Bites

Chiefs slay Buffalo as dismal run continues

ICE HOCKEY: It was all too familiar for Basingstoke Buffalo who put up little fight in a 12-2 thumping at Chelmsford Chieftains on Sunday.

The Buffs are third from bottom in the NIHL South2 division and in upsetting form.

Sunday's defeat made it eight defeats on the spin and the fourth time this season the strugglers have conceded double figures.

'Stoke were never in contention and were 5-0 down by the end of the first session.

It was 6-0 before skipper Neil Leary fired Buffalo into action on 32 minutes.

Three goals went in at the other end before Daniel Lackey scored the away side's second and final goal of the game on 38 minutes.

It was 9-2 at the conclusion of the middle period and there was still time for the Chieftains to net another three goals in the final period.

The Buffs host fourth-placed Peterborough Phantoms on Saturday.

Five pointless games

FOOTBALL: It is now five games without a point for struggling Whitchurch United who fell to their fifth successive league defeat on Saturday.

Lowly United lost 2-1 at Romsey Town, leaving them in 14th place in Wessex League Division One on 20 points from 24 games.

They will hope to turn their fortunes around with a home game against Downton (11th) on Saturday.

Tadley Calleva's game at Romsey Town was postponed. The high-flyers host Christchurch (4th) on Saturday.

Tigers roar to victory

RUGBY: Tadley Tigers caused the upset of the season so far by beating out-of-sorts league leaders Slough.

The 32-25 home win inflicted the runaway leaders' first defeat of the season, helping Tadley leapfrog Chesham into third place in the BBO Premier division.

In the London 3 South West league, rock bottom Basingstoke lost 76-0 at home to joint second-placed Old Emanuel.

There were also defeats for Overton and Chineham in the Hampshire 1st and 2nd divisions respectively.

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Inside: Bison back at top of league after two wins | Row put seven past Sarnies | Cricket season under way... in the Caribbean

All white in the end for 'Stoke as they continue positive run

By Owen Hughes

BASINGSTOKE Town snatched a late equaliser against Banbury United on a snowy Tuesday to continue their run of good form after a weekend win in Biggleswade.

The mid-week away draw with the Puritans stretches 'Stoke's undefeated streak to three thanks to a Ben Wright strike on 85 minutes having trailed since conceding early in the first half.

Luke Carnell opened the scoring on eight minutes for the home side but the visitors turned the heat up in the second half as snow continued to fall.

Banbury were caught napping with just five minutes remaining and Basingstoke punished them with a slick counter attack, moving the Hampshire club up to 13th on 42 points in the Evo-Stik South Premier.

The draw comes off the back of a solid performance at the weekend in equally torrid conditions.

Biggleswade had the best of the opening exchanges on the sodden pitch with Robbie Parker out muscling Timothy Wohlfel to fire the home side in front with four minutes on the clock.

It was only thanks to the fine form of Colm McAdden guarding the 'Stoke net that the Bedfordshire team failed to double their advantage shortly afterwards.

Callum Bunting eventually levelled

the score heading in a Jack McKnight cross with seven minutes of the first half remaining.

The second half saw a sturdy defence hold strong at the back with a captain's performance from Charlie Kennedy, returning to the side after a three match ban.

George Bennett saw his shot sail wide of the post before Bunting grabbed his second and eventual winner on 70 minutes.

Manager Terry Brown said after the game: "At home on a half decent pitch we can outplay anybody, but it was impossible to play football today.

"We looked a lot more solid today; we looked like we could defend and there's not too often I've said that this year because our defending has been our Achilles heel.

"We know we can score goals. I think that's Callum [Bunting] on 17 now in about 17 games, so he's phenomenal along with [Sam] Argent, [Sam] Smart and Jack [McKnight].

"To win away, you haven't got to play great, but you've got to play the circumstances and the pitch, and we played sensibly; we went into corners for the last five or 10 minutes and saw it out without too many scares.

"I thought it had draw written all over it, but it was great win for us."

'Stoke will look to keep their run of form going when Bishops Stortford arrive at the Camrose on Saturday.



Shane Hollamby congratulates 'keeper Colm McAdden for a job well done on the unforgiving Biggleswade pitch
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